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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is a Preliminary Amendment for the U.S. national phase filing of PCT/ES01/00079 filed herewith as a new patent application under 35 U.S.C. § 371. Please enter this Preliminary Amendment and amend the accompanying application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel existing claims 1-7.

Please add the following new claims 8-26.

--8. A method for differentiating the seeds of the plant species of *Cyamopsis tetragonolobus* and *Ceratonic siliqua* from